

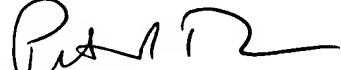
**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, the claims have been amended. Specifically, with regard to the claims, claims 1-6 have been canceled and claims 7-14 have been added.

In view of the above, early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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